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RE: Docket No. GMCB-020-15con, Proposed Purchase of Rowan Court Health and Rehabilitation Center in Barre, VT.

Thank you for your letter requesting expedited review for the proposed purchase of Rowan Court Health and Rehabilitation Center, a skilled nursing facility located in Barre.

Green Mountain Care Board, Rule 4.000, § 4.304, identifies the criteria for expedited review by which we are bound. The application must likely be uncontested, the proposed project cannot substantially alter services or raise significant health care policy or planning concerns, and the expenditures associated with the project cannot have a significant impact on services provided, the cost of health care or the applicant's financial strength. Without a closer review of the application, involving multiple individuals and corporations, we cannot conclude that each criterion is met. Thus, expedited review is denied. However, denial of expedited review is not determinative of the viability of, or the need for, the proposed project.

Please inform us in advance of the date you plan to place the required Public Notice in the newspaper(s) having the general circulation in the region(s) of the state affected by the proposed project. Please send an electronic copy of the Public Notice as printed in the newspaper(s) to my attention at donna.jerry@vermont.gov and an original and one hardcopy to my attention via the mail.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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